ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES.

Kinsey, Ala., Sept. 29, 1898.

1. The Judson Baptist Association met this day in its forty-eighth annual session, in the meeting house of Enon Baptist Church, and at 10:30 A. M. was called to order by Eld. Wm. J. Martin, the former Moderator.

2. Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. S. L. Loudermilk.

3. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. A. J. Preston, Ps. 48: 12, 13.

4. The congregation joined in singing "Oh, for a Closer Walk With God," and was led in prayer by Eld. J. J. White. Adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. The Association met at the appointed hour and was led in prayer by Eld. W. M. White.

6. The former Moderator read Ps: 8, and Eld. R. Deal led in prayer.

7. The former Clerk being absent, A. J. Preston was elected Temporary Clerk.

8. The letters from the churches were collected by brethren D. E. Burdeshaw and W. A. Herndon, and read by brethren J. B. Ward and S. L. Loudermilk.

9. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Abbeville—J. B. Ward, A. L. Martin, A. J. Preston.
Adoniram—R. L. Hardwick, W. A. Herndon.
Beulah—J. J. Boyett. T. H. Trotter.
Bethel—S. J. Belcher Louis Smith, J. B. Richards, J. W. White
Bethlehem—W. M. White, J. I. Gilder.
Centre—John Roney, W. H. L. Moore, F. M. Roney.
Christian Grove—W. S. Hall.
Concord—W. C. Kirkland, F. M. Kirkland.
Enon—D. E. Burdeshaw, A. H. Taylor.
Fellowship—W. H. Capps.
Friendship—H. T. Adams, Wm. Phillips.
Harmony—

Headland—J. W. Owens, A. S. Whitten, J. L. Campbell.

Hebron—A. J. Armstrong, J. M. Armstrong.

Judson—John S. Bird, John H. Fears.

Lawrenceville—

Mt. Ærial—W. C. Jernigan.

Oaky Grove—E. W. Arnold.

Old Zion—W. M. Campbell, W. M. Melton.

Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps, J. R. Roberts, J. T. McClendon, S. M. Singletary.

Sardis—E. D. Holley, John Clenney,

Shorterville—R. L. Fowler, J. W. Chambers, B F. Harris.

Smyrna—J. W. Burkett, W. D. Burdeshaw.

Tolbert—E. S. Bryant, Seborn Taylor, Jr.

Union Springs—

10. The permanent organization resulted in the reelction of Wm. J. Martin, Moderator; A. J. Preston, Clerk, and B. F. Harris, Treasurer.

11. The following special committees were appointed viz:

Devotional, D. E. Burdeshaw, A. H. Taylor, J. B. Ward, A. J. Armstrong, and M. V. Capps.

Nominations, Dr. John S. Bird. S. M. Singletary, J. W. Chambers. Finance, R. L. Fowler, J. L. Campbell, and H. T. Adams.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons, A. Daughety, E. D. Holley, J. W. Martin.

12. The following correspondents and visiting brethren were received and welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of the body:

Newton Association, Elds. R. Deal, and S. L. Loudermilk.

Columbia Association, Elds. J. J. White, Silas Williford, Aris Armstrong.

West Fla. Association, J. M. Stevens.

Indian River Association Fla., R. G. Hood.

State Board of Missions, A. J. Preston.

Southeast Ala. Baptist Collegiate Institute, Eld. S. L. Loudermilk.

Eld. D. E. Burdeshaw agreed to represent the Ala. Baptist, and Eld. J. J. White the Orphanage.

13. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To the Columbia Association, Elds. A. Daughety. D. E. Burdeshaw, A. J. Preston, Wm J. Martin.

To the Newton Association, J. W. Owens, A. H. Taylor, M.

V. Capps, A. L. Martin, D. E. Burdeshaw.

To the West Fla. Association, J. I. Gilder, D. E. Burdeshaw.

To the Eufaula Association, Wm. J. Martin, A. J. Preston.

14. On motion of A. H. Taylor the former Executive Committee was reelected.

15. The Devotional Committee reported that Eld. S. L. Loudermilk would preach at 7:30 P. M.

16. Homes were assigned to the delegates and visitors, by D. E. Burdeshaw.

17. On motion of J. B. Ward the hours for meeting were fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

18. On motion of D. E. Burdeshaw adjourned until 8.30 A. M. Friday. Eld. S. L. Loudermilk preached at 7:30 P. M. from John 3: 14, 15.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

19. Friday, Sept. 30, 1898.

The Association met at the appointed hour. Eld. W. M. White lead the devotional exercises.

20. The minutes of the previous day were read corrected and approved.

21. On motion of J. B. Ward, the opening speeches were limited to thirty minutes, and all other speeches to fifteen minutes.

22. B. A. Forrester, and I. A. White of the Columbia Association and B. T. Jones of the Newton were received and welcomed by the Moderator.

23. The Report of Standing Committees.

A. J. Preston read as follows the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission work is today one of the most difficult problems with which we have to contend. The needs of the work are so varied and many sided, that we scarcely know where to begin and what to say.

I OUR NEEDS.

1. Every person who can read needs a Bible of his own—one that he can read and mark as he pleases
2. A few of our best religous books should be in every home.
3. Every community should be supplied with our best doctrinal tracts.
4. Every community where a church can be supported needs a Baptist Church.
5. Every church needs a good, live, evergreen Sabbath School.
6. Every church needs a good comfortable house of worship.
7. Every church needs a good pastor.

II HOW TO SUPPLY THESE NEEDS.

1. We would answer that much of this work could be done by our pastors if we would support our pastors
2. Some of our weak churches need help to release their pastors from the plow handles.
3. We should take collections in all of our churches for religious literature and

Bibles for free distribution.

4 The pastors who are receiving a support should help those who are not.

5. A better understanding among our people should be sought.

III. BUT HOW SHALL WE GET THE MONEY?

1. Let us trust God and do the work. "The Lord will provide."

Let our people know their duty and they will supply the means.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Preston, M. V. Capps, Fowler Hall.

J. B. Ward read as follows the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee offer the following report gathered from a copy of the Southern Baptist Convention. We should feel encouraged over the work done through our Home Mission Board when we take into consideration the financial condition of our people.

Work is being done in most all our Southern States, the Indian Territory and Cuba

1. CUBA.—When our preachers were constrained to leave the Island of Cuba in consequence of the war, the work was left in the hands of pastorless churches With commendible fidelity, and zeal they have kept up their weekly prayer meetings, their Sunday services their Sunday Schools, and their day schools. Letters advising us of persons converted in these meetings and who desired to be baptised, have been received from time to time. While many of the members of the churches have left Havana, some going into the army and others becoming refugees in this country, there yet remain quite a number in that city who are earnestly engaged in promoting the cause of Christ among the masses about them.

2. WORK OF THE YEAR.—The number of missionaries employed this year was 467 against 372 last year. Baptisms this year 4,739 against 4,709 last year. Total additions to churches this year 9,509 against 9,455 last year.

3. FINANCIAL.—The amount raised and expended on the fiield for Home Missions this year is $54 251.04 against $15,671.82 last year. There have been collected and expended in building houses of worship on the field this year $56.385 46 against $51,540 last year making a total of money raised on the field $110,636.50 against total raised on the field last year of $97,211.82, an increase of $13,424.68. Total cash received by the board from all sources has been 86,887 27 against $83,184.31, an increase of $3.702 96.

We are sorry to note that our State and the Judson Associations are far behind in the work of the Home Missionary cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. Ward, Chairman

A. Daughety read as follows the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: We feel glad to see as much interest by our churches in missions, for when the Southern Baptist Convention met, the good news was, the Board was out of debt While this was so, it does not mean nothing more to do, for we are not doing altogether our duty as the Lord hath prospered us. He says "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This is the Lord's command in his work he has for us to do in this world. It is the Lord's work for man to do and he says he will be with us in the doing of it. The report from different parts of the mission fields shows the Lord is blessing his laborers in the conversion of the heathen, and the cry is for more laborers. To supply this need means more means to send those that are ready to help. While this is the Lord's work, and he is blessing it, he is blessing his people with the means according to the way they use the Lord's means. Blessed is the cheerful giver. It is more blessed to give than to receive, says our captain. Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, shaken down, pressed together and running over.

24. These reports were discussed conjointly, by A. J. Preston, S. L. Loudermilk, B. A. Forrester, Wm. J. Martin, W. H. F. Smith, and adopted.

25. S. L. Loudermilk read as follows the report on

EDUCATION.

God created the mind as well as the heart. He endowed his human creatures with INTELLECT, susceptible of cultivation and development, and surrounded us with advantages and opportunities for training the mind to acquire information and grasp truth The mind has ever been the avenue to the heart. Deprive the individual of the power of mind and he is an idiot, and you cannot reach his heart. Proportionately as you dwarf the mind or withhold correct teaching, the individual is incapable of moral power and usefulness. Again if you fill the mind with false training and teaching, or if the mind is not properly balanced with moral induction, the individual may be said to be graduated, but his power to comprehend truth is impaired and his moral usefulness greatly crippled.

It is only the intelligent Christian that is moving the world onward and upward today Hence the great obligation and responsibility rests upon us to patronize and maintain those institutions that are especially designed to so train and instruct the mind as to properly reach the heart and cultivate the morals We do not mean that Christianity can be educated into the heart, but that intelligence and proper training of the mind measures the usefulness and influence of the Christian in this life

Our people therefore, should be VERY guarded as to the schools and teachers under whose training they place their children. You should be far more careful about your local schools and teachers, and we take this opportunity to recommend especially, that when you send your children abroad to school, you should most invariably patronize YOUR denominational schools, where especial care is taken to inculcate moral truth and principles along with intellectual culture.

We are rejoiced to announce the establishment at last of a college for the higher education of our youth, at home in our own section of the State, under the auspices of the Baptists. We refer to the Southeast Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute, recently established at Newton, Alabama. The school is located in a most healthy, moral and cultivated community, and is under the control of a Board of Trustees, with an extraordinary competent faculty of teachers, all composed entirely of Baptists, with the lowest combined rates of expense we have ever heard of—board being only $5 per month with tuition and other expenses proportionately low.

It is no longer necessary to send our boys and girls, and money and influence out of our own section of the state or into other states to secure a collegiate education in our own denominational schools; and we heartily and gladly recommend the adoption and patronage of the Baptist School at Newton We also recommend the Judson Institute for girls, and the Howard College ,at East Lake for boys in the other sections of the State, as worthy of patronage.

We further wish to offer and recommend for adoption the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, We as a Missionary Baptist people. representing and constituting the JUDSON ASSOCIATION, realizing the great importance of the proper education of the children of our country; and,

Whereas, We believing it to be proper and right, when practicable, to educate our children in Schools and Institutions of learning under the auspices of the Missionary Baptist Denomination; and,

Whereas, We having ascertained it to be a fact, that THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, has been located at NEWTON, Dale County, Alabama, and is now in session with bright prospects, under a Board of Trustees composed of Missionary Baptists, and being taught by an efficient faculty composed of Missionary Baptists, to be under the auspices of the Baptist Denomination of Southeast Alabama; Therefore, be it Resolved:

1st. That the Judson Asssociation, through the Messengers composing the same, endorse said School, and adopt the same as The Missionary Baptist School of Southeast Alabama, with all of its intents and purposes, as exhibited by its Constitution.

2nd. That this Association, during its present session, appoint the Trustees for said school, as provided in the Constitution, and they be hereby authorized to cooperate with The Board of Trustees for said School; and that we herein and hereby recommend that the Missionary Baptist denomination of Southeast Alabama adopt and patronize said School.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Espy, Chairman.

26. This report was discussed by I. A. White.

27. The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. R. Deal would preach at 11 A. M.

28. On motion of D. E. Burdeshaw adjourned for preaching.

29. At 11:00 Eld. R. Deal preached using for a text Matt. 4:3, 6. Prayer by I. A. White. Dismissed until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

30. The Association met at the appointed hour and was lead in prayer by J. W. Owens.

31. The subject of education was resumed and discussed by J. B. Ward, A. J. Preston.

32. The Devotional Committee reported that Wm. J. Martin would preach at 7 P. M. and I. A. White at 11 A. M. Saturday.

33. Eld. S. L. Loudermilk read resolutions as follows:

(See Report on Education.)

34. These resolutions were discussed by S. L. Loudermilk, J. B. Ward, I. A. White and A. J. Preston and adopted.

The following were appointed as Trustees for said school:

J. J. Boyett and W. L. McGee.

35. J. J. Boyett read as follows the report on

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: We note with pleasure that the interest in this great and important question is steadily growing and the people of God are becoming more earnest in the work of temperance. There yet remains a great work to be accomplished, and it rests upon the children of God to accomplish this great work. J. J. Boyett.

36. This report was discussed by D. E. Burdeshaw, J. A. Campbell, W. H. F. Smith, I. A. White, Wm. J. Martin, and adopted.

37. On motion of A. J. Preston the delegates of Hebron Church were excused.

38. By request, I. A. White read and discussed the report on Indigent Ministers which was adopted.

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We your committee find from examining the list of ordained ministers, as contained in the minutes and from the reading of the letters, and in the limited time that we have in which to make a report on indigent ministers, that there is none in the bounds of this Association. But would recommend to the members of this Association that in future they look close to the welfare of their pastors, that none are allowed to suffer. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Campbell, H. T. Adams, W M. Campbell.

39. J. J. Boyett read as follows the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We the Executive Committee beg leave to make the following report. After examining the books of brother Harris, our Treasurer, we find them correctly kept—the moneys paid out as directed by the churches. Respectfully submitted,
M. V. Capps, Chairman.

40. J. J. Boyett was excused by the body.

41. J. B. Ward and A. J. Preston were appointed to write a report on Sabbath School.

42. The following report was read and adopted on

NOMINATIONS.

We your Committee on Nominations recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Bethel Baptist Church (Barbour Co.), Thursday before the first Sabbath in October A. D. 1899.

And that J. W. Malone Jr. preach the introductory sermon.

We recommend the following-named brethren as delegates to the State Convention: J J. Boyett, Wm Peacock. W. J Martin, M. V Capps, A. J. Preston, J. W. Malone, Jr., D. E. Burdeshaw, R. B. Lee, F. B Jernigan, A. J. Armstrong.
Respectfully submitted,
Jno. S. Bird, T. M. Singletary, J. W. Chambers, Committee.

43. On motion of D. E. Burdeshaw adjourned until 8:30 Saturday Oct. 1. 1898.

7 P. M. Wm. J. Martin preached from 2. Pet. 1: 5th.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

44. The body met at the appointed hour, and was lead in prayer by J. L. Campbell and A. L. Martin,

45. The roll was read and corrected.

Those who had absented themselves from the body without being excused were ordered stricken from the roll.

46. A. J. Preston read as follows the report on

ORPHANAGE.

We your Committee on Orphanage beg to report, that we are pleased to see that our people are becoming more and more enlisted in the support of our orphans, at Evergreen. Our property there has been greatly improved and we are now better prepared to take care of the children. Ninety-four children have been received into the home, forty-one have been sent out. leaving fifty three in our family at present The current expenses of the home is about $10 per day or 17½c per capita. This includes the support of all who are connected with the home. We owe about $800, which will be due Oct. 15th. If we are to dedicate the home free of debt Oct. 20th. brethren see to it that your churches take collections at once and forward to REV. J. W. STEWART, Evergreen, Ala. Respectfully submitted,
W A. White, Chairman Committee.

This report was discussed by J. S. Belcher, A. J. Preston, A. H. Taylor, I. A. White, and adopted.

47. A collection was taken for the orphanage amounting to $7.50.

48. On motion of A. J. Preston the order of business was suspended to hear a talk from Eld. A. L. Martin.

Bro. Martin's talk was received with great interest.

49. The Sabbath School report was read by A. J. Preston, and discussed by R. G. Hood, of Fla., and adopted as follows:

SABBATH SCHOOL.

We regret to see the little interest taken in Sabbath Schools, by our people. We believe that it is safe to say that not more than one-half of our churches have reported any Sabbath School There may be a number of Sabbath Schools in the bounds of this Association which are not reported. We would suggest to our churches the importance of sending in a full report of the Sabbath School work. We would respectfully request every church in this union to organize and maintain a Sabbath School. This can be done by an earnest effort upon the part of our pastors and leading members of our churches.

We would recommend that our churches begin at once to prepare for evergreen Sabbath Schools, by repairing their meeting houses and supplying them with good heaters. No one thinks of building a dwelling without a chimney. Why, then, should we leave our church houses so uncomfortable Let us confess our sins and do better in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Ward, Chairman.

50. The Treasurer's report was read by B. F. Harris and adopted, as follows:

B. F. Harris, Treasurerer, in account with the Judson Baptist Association, Oct. 2, 1897.

To amount cash on hand,		$62.75
" " received from Finance Committee.		
	Home Missions.	$27.75
	Foreign "	$20.06
	State "	$7.20
	Associational Purposes,	$41.70
	Minutes,	$30.70
	Orphan's Home,	$59.70
	Total amount received,	$249.86
By amount paid out,		
Oct. 2nd	F. L. Wimberly, Clerk,	$15.00
" "	Minutes,	$30.70
" "	Home Missions,	$27.75
" "	Foreign "	$20.06
" "	State "	$7.20
" "	Orphans Home,	$59.70
" 6th	A. L. Martin,	$50.00
	Total amount paid out,	$210.41
	Balance on hand,	$39.45

Respectfully submitted, B. F. Harris.

51. A. Daughety read the report on Deceased Ministers which was adopted as follows:

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons submit the following: We find from the letters from the churches that God has not seen fit to take from our midst any of our ministers or deacons, and is blessing them in their duties.

Respectfully submitted, A. Daughety and E. D. Holly.

52. A committee consisting of J. L. Fowler and F. M. Kirkland was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions with reference to Elds. J. W. Herndon and M. Brackin, deceased.

TO THE MEMORY
OF
ELDER J. W. HERNDON,
——Born——
JULY 28th 1846,
——In——
Elbert County, Georgia,
——Died——
AT HIS HOME,
NEAR SHORTERVILLE, ALABAMA.

He was the son of one of our pioneer preachers. Elder Benjamin Herndon. He moved, with his father, into Henry County when quite young.

When about sixteen years old, he joined the Baptist Church, at Shorterville, Ala., where he was later ordained to the work of the ministry, which seemed to be his chief delight the remainder of his life.

By order of the Judson Baptist Association this page is affectionately set apart to his memory as a devoted husband and father; an obliging, attentive, generous neighbor; an uncompromising patriot; a sincere, zealous christian, a faithful, self-sacrificing, earnest preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. R. L. Fowler, Com.

Brother Moses Brackin was called to his reward on the 15th day of April, 1896. And in his death we have lost a brother whose life was full of good works. He was known to us all for his deep piety, and the many years of his life in this country as a minister in the cause of christianity, ever working, ever praying, ever striving to live in the ways of holiness. After a long life of earnest work, he has received a final discharge from the cares and burdens of this life, and now lives as we believe under the smiles of God, there to dwell forever in peace and happiness. Let us so live that our last days may be like his. We sadly miss him, but our loss is his gain. Respectfully submitted, F. M. Kirkland, Committee.

53. The following resolution of thanks was offered by J. B. Ward and adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors, express our sincere thanks to the Kinsey church and the citizens of Kinsey for their kind hospitality during our stay in their midst. J. B. Ward.

54. A. J. Preston offered the following resolution on the support of R. L. Miller in school which was adopted:

RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF R. L. MILLER.

Whereas, young Bro. R L. Miller, who is a member of Adoniram Church, is disable to support himself, owing to his crippled condition; therefore be it Resolved, That we earnestly recommend him to the denomination as a worthy young man and request the churches in this Association to cooperate in supporting him in the Baptist Collegiate Institute, at Newton, Ala , or some other good school.

Respectfully submitted. A. J. Preston.

55. On motion of J. B. Ward $15.00 was appropriated to the Clerk for his services.

56. On motion of A. H. Taylor, the Clerk was ordered to have printed as many minutes as possible, with the money sent up for that purpose.

57. The following report was offered on

PUBLICATION.

As the years go by, they bring with them whatever of good or evil that determines the moral advancement or spiritual decline of all. What more elevates or depresses the inner forces of man's nature than the character of his thoughts? And this depends largely on the kind of books and papers that he reads. However orderly and moral—and I might say spiritual—the parents of any home, the children of that home are not half so secure against the corrupting and corroding influence of vice, unless provided with and encouraged to read our choicest literature. The Alabama Baptist should be in every Baptist home. Brother, how can you do without your own state paper, which puts us in vital touch with all the denominational work of our own state? The Foreign Mission Journal furnishes such reading matter as many or all of us stand greatly in need of. And the Sunday Schools should use our own literature, published at Nashville and Philadelphia. The Home Mission Journal should also be read by every Baptist Respectfully submitted,

D. E. Burdeshaw, W. M Kirkland, N L. Hawley.

58. On motion of M. V. Capps adjourned to meet with Bethel Baptist Church Barbour County, Ala., Thursday before the first Sabbath in October 1899.

59. 11 A. M. Eld. I. A. White preached, Text Mal. 3:8,10 after which a collection for missions was taken amounting to $7.65, which was divided equally between the Boards.

After giving the parting hand Eld. I. A. White dismissed the congregation with an appropriate prayer.

The churches made pledges as follows:

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association.

ART. 2 This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty and not two hundred members, four messengers; and so on in graduation, one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The messengers when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. 4 The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and only acts as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless claims authority over her own members the messengers of the churches and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ and especially with those united in this Association.

ART. 5 Newly constituted churches or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by their sending their messengers to an annual meeting with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches of this Union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the committee on finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and holds his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the orders of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 9. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Associotion to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 11. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, and by a concurring voice of two thirds of the members present: Provided such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice

ART 3 We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own will and ability.

ART 6 We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and immersion only is Baptism.

ART. 10 We believe in the ressurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting and the joys of the righteous to be eternal.

ART. 12 We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and he is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

2 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3 Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided

8 It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two thirds of the members in session

We your Committee on finance find on hand cash as follows:

State Missions	$21.63 plus 2 55
Home Missions	3.65 plus 2.55
Foreign Missions	1.50 plus 2 55
Associational Purposes	49.60
Orphan's Home	33 91
Minutes	25.25
Total,	$135.54 plus 7 65 = $144.19

Respectfully submitted, R. L. Fowler, H. T. Adams, J. L. Campbell.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions Cash.	Home Missions Cash.	Foreign Missions	Associational Purposes	Orphan's Home.	Minutes.	Total Contributed
Abbeville	9 00			2 00	5 00	1 50	10 50
Adoniram	3 00			60		1 50	4 00
Bethel						50	8 50
Bethlehem						1 50	1 10
Beulah (*)				75		1 50	2 25
Centre				5 00		1 50	6 50
Christian Grove		25	25	1 50	50	1 00	3 25
Concord				2 00		1 00	3 00
Enon (*)				5 00		1 00	6 00
Fellowship				1 00	1 00	50	2 50
Friendship				2 00	3 00	1 00	6 00
Harmony				2 50	2 50	1 50	6 50
Headland (*)				5 00		1 50	6 50
Hebron							
Judson				50		50	5 50
Lawrenceville				75		75	1 50
Mt. Ariel				25		75	1 50
Oaky Grove			50			1 00	
Old Zion				1 00		1 00	6 75
Pleas'ntGrove(*)				10 00	5 00	1 25	16 25
Sardis				1 75	5 00	1 50	6 00
Shorterville	3 40			1 00	3 40	1 50	2 50
Smyrna	1 25			1 00	1 00	2 50	18 68
Torbert (*)						75	3 25
Union Springs				1 00		1 00	5 00
						50	1 50
Total,	8 38 / 1 25	3 40	1 00	50			1 50
	21 63	3 65	1 75	49 60	26 40	25 25	128 03

☞All the churches marked thus (*) in above Financial Exhibit made pledges for Associational Purposes.

PERSONAL PLEDGE—By S. T. Taylor, of Tolbert, for Associational Purposes, 50c paid in above; collection for Orphan's Home, $7.51 public collection for Missions, $7 65.

Receipts were given during the year to churches as follows: Adoniram $2.00; Abbeville, $9.00; Shorterville, $5.75; Pleasant Grove, $5.00.

STATISTICS OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1898.

CHURCH.	CO.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	Membership last Reported.	Increase by Baptism	Increase by Letter	Inc by Restoration	Decrease by Letter	Dec by Exclusion	Dec by Erasure	Decrease by Death	Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Officers and Teachers.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Pupils.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Superintendent's Name P O. Address	Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival
Abbeville	Henry	W. W. Harris	R. W. Miller	Abbeville	133	1	13	1	7	1			140	11	65	R. W. Miller, Abbeville	1&3	1	
Adoniram	"	Wm. J. Martin	W. H Parker	Haleburg	69	6	1	3	5	1			73	4	30	R. L. Hardwick, Haleburg	2	1	1
Bethel	Barbour	J W. Malone	J. E Ven-on	Lodi	131	10	2			3		2	139						
Bethlehem	Henry	Aris Armstrong	J. C. Kelly	Headland	28	1			1	3			25						
Beulah	"	W. A. Cumbie	J. W. Pitman	Dothan	88								75						
Centre	"	D. E. Burdeshaw	F M. Roney	Newville	150	2	7		8	3		1	147				1		
Christian Grove	Barbour	R. B. Lee	W. A. James	Eufaula	73					2		2	69	8	65	F. B. Jernigan, Cotton Hill	1		
Concord	Henry	W. H. F. Smith	W. C. Kirkland	Blackwood	108	13	6	1	3	1		3	121				3		
Enon	"	D. E Burdeshaw	J. R Rackley	Kinsey	53		5		2	1			55	7	55	I. T. Johnson	2	1	1
Fellowship	"	Aris Armstrong	D. W. Capps	Capps	87	8	2		3	3			91						
Friendship	"	J. W. Malone, Jr.	B. R. Seller	Wesley		7			4	4			42						
Harmony	"																		
Headland	"	R. Deal	J. L. Campbell	Headland	140	4	3	1	29	2		1	116	10	70	E. A Turner	1	1	1
Hebron	"	Aris Armstrong	J. M. Armstrong	Balkum	82		3		2				83		50				
Judson	"	Wm. J Martin	G. L. Flemming	Wesley	56				2	2			52						
Lawrenceville	"																		
Mt. Aerial	Barbour	R. B Lee	W C Jernigan	Cotton Hill	35								35				1&3		1
Oaky Grove	Henry	W. H. F Smith	J D. Jackson	Abbeville	70	4		1	10	1	4		60						
Old Zion	"	J. W. Malone Jr.	G W. Flemming		23	10							33						
Pleas'nt Grove	"	J. J. White	S. M. Singletary	Abbeville	153	4			8	1		1	147						
Sardis	"	J. W. Malone. Sr	Joseph Ward	Lawrenceville	55			2	3	1			53						
Shorterville	"	H. L. Crumbley	W. F. Mills	Shorterville	131	17	6	1	4	2		2	147	4	25	W W. Barnes, Shorterville	3		1
Smyrna	"	R. C. Deal	J. D. Daughety	Dothan	75	2	1	1	4	3			72	4	40	W. F Jordon, Dothan			1
Torbert	"	Aris Armstrong	M. P. Shelly	Newville	112		3	3	4				115						
Union Springs	"	Z Deeze	G M. Muny	Capps	51	3	2		4	3			49				3		

☞NOTE.—Many of the churches failed to report their time of meeting.